

Lies, Deceit and Nefarious SCHEMES

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For the first time in the history of LDNS we are dedicating an issue to a female. This young lady has taken upon herself a monstrous load and she deserves the thanks from each and everyone of us who like to use the D. Numbers as a record for their games. Her name? She is the lovely wife of Dennis Agosta, who is the official D. Numbers Custodian, and her name is Bernadette Agosta. She has been helping Dennis straighten up the numbers and in so doing she has gone beyond the call of duty in helping her hubby. So Bernie, we here at LDNS salute you and thank you for your efforts and we hope that this issue will be fitting in quality to show you the respect that we have for you. Thank.

Last issue was what has been termed around here as, The best laid plans... It seems that there was a couple of misunderstandings that I will try to clear up now. First my address is either 1854 Wagner St. Pasadena, CA 91107 or PO Box 8529 San Marino, CA 91108. The latter being the preferred one, but either one will get to me. Secondly the idea of sending the Winter moves by return mail just doesn't work. In each attempt at least one person from each game failed to do so so there was quite a bit of confusion amongst the players. Oh well, I guess we will just go back to the way it was before I changed issue frequency.

In case you didn't know by now, this is LDNS, a zine of postal Diplomacy. Diplomacy is a game invented by Allan B. Calhamer. Sub rates are 10 issues for \$4 and monies should be sent to Jerry Jones PO Box 8529 San Marino, CA 91108. Should you wish to talk to someone who knows what you are talking about you should dial the Diplomacy Hotline which is (213) 449-0982. Game fees are \$2 plus a \$2 refundable NMR deposit. This deposit will be returned to you if during the course of the game you have no more than one NMR. There are game openings in LDNS-13. We have two signed up for -13. They are J. Morris and S. Cartier.

Son of ORCCON: The 3rd annual Orange County Simulations Convention will be held January 5, 6 and 7 at the California State University, Fullerton. They have announced that James F. Dunnigan of SPI will be there to conduct a seminar. The Diplomacy tournament will be held on Saturday (the 6th) starting at 9AM. Admission will be \$5 at the door or \$3.50 for pre-registration. Checks should be made out to Gary Smith and mailed to University Activities Center, The Armchair Strategists Club, Calif. State University Fullerton, Fullerton, CA 92634. I'll be there on Saturday along with Pat and we hope to see you there.

Two notes of sadness: Two of the more reliable and personable publishers of Diplomacy zines have announced that they are closing up shop. The first being Hal Naus. I will miss Hal very much because I loved to call in my orders to Hal because he is one of the most interesting people that I have found in this hobby to talk to. The man is like a history book when it comes to postal Diplomacy. But Hal is in love again and is ready to move on. We wish Hal and his new Mrs. the best of luck.

The other publisher to call it quits after 5+ years is Robert Bryan Lipton. This does make me very unhappy. I am really "getting in to" his zine and I wish that his closing down weren't true. I do hope that Mr. Lipton continues to keep his fingers into the hobby. I do respect his words and if he wishes to continue to receive this zine he may do so, complementary.

Speaking of Numbers Custodians: The N. Numbers Custodian is Dennis Agosta (14 Shadyside Ave. Dumont, NJ 07628). Dennis requests that all requests for numbers be accompanied by a SASE due to the fact that as of this writing he has not received any money for the numbers.

The Miller Numbers Custodian (variant games) is Mike Smolin (863 Russet Dr. Sunnyvale, CA 94087). While we are speaking of variants I've received a letter regarding The North American Variant Bank. The Acting Custodian & Custodian of NAVP-West is: Rod Walker ("Alcala", 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024). The NAVP-East Custodian is Fred Davis (1427 Clairidge Rd. Baltimore, MD 21207). Here is a list of the variants that are currently available. The price is listed after each name. They should be ordered through the NAVP-West for the time being.

Aberration I/II (\$1.10)	Aberration IV (\$1.40)	Imperialism VII (\$1.40)
Imperialism XIII (\$1.10)	US Diplomacy III½ (\$1.00)	Youngstown Variant (\$2.70)

Each game ordered has maps and rules. A good way to go if you are serious about variants.

A newzine on the market has crossed my humble desk. It is Konrad Baumeister's EGGNOG. Yes, Konrad and I have patched up our differences and I must say that it seems to be a fine zine. Ditto reproduced, sub rates are 10 for \$3.50 and the Game fee is \$2. The zine seems, at least the one I saw, to lean towards variants. I am getting to the point where I am beginning to understand what some of my subscribers are looking for so in that vein I suggest that Carl Eichelberger send a stamp to Konrad and get a sample copy. This one may be right up your alley, Carl. Konrad's address is: 11416 Parkview Lane Hales Corners, WI 53130.

Enough of This. Let's get on to the Featured Game.

The Demo Game

1978-HA

Winter 1992

AUS	(C. Reges)	Removes A Vienna	Has A Bud A Alb A Tri.
ENG	(B. Sergeant)	Builds F Liverpool	Has A York F Lvp F Eng F Nth F Swe.
FRA	(J. Diehl)	Even	Has F Irs F MAO F Bre A Pic A Fur.
GER	(L. Kendter Sr.)	Builds A Kiel	Has F Pal A Kiel A Ruh A Sil A Mun A Del.
ITA	(C. Spiekerman)	Builds A Rome	Has A Ven A Rom F Nap F Ion.
RUS	(L. Harmon)	Builds A Moscow	Has A Mos A Ser A War A Ukr F Rum F Both.
TUR	(J. Powers)	Builds F Constantinople	Has A Gre A Bul F Con F Aeg F EMed.

1978-HA Analysis by Eric Verheiden

The only real build of significance is Italy's A Rome. That just about finishes Austria's chances (although, not to be completely discouraging, I did play one game in which I held out as a two unit Austria for six years). Turkey and especially Russia should benefit from the easier three-way attack. How long it will remain three-way is problematical; the three Turkish fleets have to be heading in Italy's direction (and past?!)

In the west, France has to try to tie up England and hope that Russia will finish off Austria quickly and move to distract Germany. Can it work? Stranger things have happened, but the odds have to be with the stronger competition.

Long range prediction: 40% chance of a E/G/R/T draw. Either Russia or Turkey could win; I don't see Germany winning with an English ally and I don't see England winning with the time he must lose against France.

((This game is going along better than I had hoped for. Wait til you see what happens in the next season. And once again, as always, I must thank Eric for the super and prompt job he is doing with his commentary. By the way Eric, all of these issues are complementary to you for the fine work you're doing. Thanx.--JHJ))

A Rebutal?

It has been brought to my attention that Bob Beardsley has corrupted the morals of one of the premier publishers, one Jerry Jones. And you, Mr. Jones, how could you be so simple, to allow yourself to be manipulated by such a dastardly person. I'm ashamed of you both. You are supposed to be two of the classier guys of this hobby. To resort to comments such as "Go soak your head" among others, is really carrying things too far. Why only yesterday, Kay Beardsley called me up and told me to prepare for a new barrage of Bob Beardsley Babble. And I also received a call from Pat Jones. She said that her hunsband, Jerry, is now bald and hasn't stopped crying since his beloved Dodgers got their butts handed to them. Tsk Tsk Tsk. Gentlemen please. Let us refrain from exposing such degrading remarks. We all know who's #1 in baseball, and nobody takes Bob Beardsley's remarks seriously. They also take these John Caruso remarks less seriously. And that brings me to my point. Why do I bother writing these stupid things at all? Bob Beardsley & Jerry Jones--Go soak your heads!!

((After all is said and done, I really like John. I have come to the conclusion, though, that John doesn't like you unless he's bad mouthing you. You know, New Yorker. But it's nice to have John gracing our pages again. Now about the Rams...--JHJ))

Personality Profile DAVE ROHDE

It's with some trepidation that I begin this masterwork, since it presumes that one has a personality to begin with. However, I forced myself since Jerry said he would write it himself if I didn't and I figured nothing could be duller than my life by Jerry Jones. (Now, Jerry, we're even for that crack about my picture in the last issue.)

I was born June 4, 1944. Two days later D-Day happened (no cause and effect relation as far as I know), which explains my early interest in war games. I began playing them in college in the mid-1960's.

My wife, two daughters and I live in East Lansing, Michigan, and I teach political science at Michigan State University. I am a rabid basketball fan (For those of you who follow the game, I am pleased to inform you that M.S.U. will be national champions this year, and our star Earvin "Magic" Johnson will be player of the year as a sophomore) I spend most of the rest of my leisure time playing bridge and watching old movies on TV.

I've only been playing postal Dippy for a short time but I've really flipped over it. I'm playing a bunch of games in a variety of zines. I think that most of the zines I get are really great, but LDNS is the best. (Does that get me my free year's sub, Jerry?) I derive a great deal of satisfaction from the competition in Dippy, but even better is the interesting people you get to meet, allies and opponents alike. I hope to get a chance to meet all of you LDNS subbers face to face some time; is anyone going to DipCon/Origins this summer?

((A poly sci fi teacher, huh? That explains a lot of things. But it was good to get this profile, even if it was only yours, Dave. I have to keep one up! In case some of you are wondering what this is were doing here, well, LDNS is rather a family zine and to "break" down the obscurity that most players maintain we ask our subbers to write a little about themselves so as to become people rather than just addresses, so won't you send in yours? Let's see a showing of hands for all who would like to see Ron Kelly's profile, my hand is up.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS AND/OR TRADERS

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PLAY THE BOARD!

I am probably not the most qualified person to write this article. In fact Dave Ditter is one of the best I've run across at being able to "read" the board. So I am going to use this space to ask Dave, should he find the time, to fill in the gaps that I may leave in this article.

There is a lot of talk dividing players into two types of groups: The firm alliance types or the stabbing type. This article deals with the second type and is aimed at the first.

Possibly one of the best ways to play this game is to start off with a plan for the entire game. Let's use Germany as the example. As Germany I (in this example) decide that I will ally with France against England, or England against France. Then I will go for Scandinavia and into Russia while my ally goes on to Italy. So now I have a basis to work from and all of my Diplomacy will be directed towards this goal.

Now after each season you should re-evaluate your position and the other positions around the board. In our example let's assume that we went with France. Now France is in for a lengthy battle with England, all did not go so well. Italy is neutral. Austria and Turkey have allied against Russia. And poor Russia is going fast. Now is the time to get into the confidence of the Austrian or Turk. Find out just how they stand; are they a strong alliance or are they just after all that they can get and after that will they go for each others throat? Also get in good with the Italian for should things go bad for the French, you might choose to, how shall I say it, STAB? the French.

You see what you're doing is reading the board. Maybe now is the time to attack the Russian while he is weak and leave the French to do their own dirty work. (Of course, after he eliminates most of England you come back and ask for your piece of the pie, eh ally?)

Later on, in our example, France and England are still locking horns but it appears that England will lose the war. Russia is long gone and the Turks are steaming towards Italy while Austria, who is reading the board too, sees that as soon as the Turk passes him he will be spread out and ripe for the pickin's. So in this case you choose to side with the Turk to slow the Austrian down while at the same time France is winning against England but has left his back door open and you, being the opportunist that you are, accept England as a puppet and ally with the Italians against the French. (You remember the French, your original ally). After France is doomed you quickly eliminate your English puppet. While in the south the Turk, even with your help is losing. But now you are strong enough to do as you please and even if you lose or draw you will have played the best game that you could have in an effort to win.

Now look what you have done. You've stabbed the French and the English. Been less than helpful to the Turks, pulled Italy out only to use him to your own evil ends and toyed with the Austrians. Not to mention your out right attack on the Russian. Now this example by no means describes a diplomacy game but it tries to show you the benefits of keeping an open mind and a watchful eye for the entire game. Notice, that if you had chose to maintain your FIRM alliance with the French you might have been doomed to face a strong Southern alliance while you and France are dividing Englands four supply centers. Of course things could have turned out differently and your original plan could still be in effect.

So, what am I getting at? I feel that you show me a player who is known as a stabber and I'll show you a player who can read the board, make proper adjustments and always attempt to do what, in the long run, will be the best for him.

Right here in this zine is a game where one player who was growing quickly, with the aide of his ally. But he had left himself wide open and two other players (one of them being his ex ally) saw this and took advantage of it. They read the board and made the proper adjustments.

Treat each season as if it were the first season of the game taking into consideration correspondence of earlier seasons and make your moves accordingly. I think that you will find that this will add more flavor to your game, but remember others are "reading" the board too so don't forget to read your own country into your thoughts. It may be a time to regroup and protect yourself.

Hints For The Happy Homemaker
by The Dippy Widow

Well girls I thought that I'd take this space to shed some light on what I know must be a fear in the back of all of your minds...The Face-To-Face Diplomacy Game (At your house.)

Now what I will tell you is the proper method for entertaining friends(?) that your your hubby has over for an entertaining(?) afternoon of Diplomacy.

First is the decor. None is the safest. My advise is to tie down anything that is loose and tearfully say goodbye to anything that is breakable. Now another point to remember is that the old trick of hiding things (dirty clothes, dirty dishes, dirty children, dirty etc.) in the closets or the back rooms doesn't work for a gathering of Diploons. They're always searching through the house looking for a new place to "do their dirty work." (Detcha didn't think that this was to be a dirty article!) So I'd advise that if you don't want your rep as the perfect housewife to be marred you'd best clean up everywhere. (Note, you can still hide the dirty dishes in the washing machine, though.)

Now on to what to serve these maingy clowns. Point to remember--They always want to preten to be the General of the country they are playing so they try to act as if they were German, French, Turkish, etc. (Most of them have a hard enough time trying to act human, but at least they try.) So always try to maintain the motif for each different country. May I suggest:

England: Fish and chips is a good standby. He'll also insist on tea and crumpets at exactly 2 o'clock, so be prepared. For dessert try Yorkshire Pudding. (Note: use choc pudding in a dish and tell him its yorkshire pudding. It's a lot easier then trying to explain why there's no pudding in yorkshire pudding.

France: Lots and lots of pastries. Planty of wine, the cheaper the better. He'll never know the difference. Usually the best wine these guys drink doesn't have the year bottled, but the hour.

Germany: Sauerkraut, weiners and dark beer. For the beer may I suggest two drops of red and one drop of blue food coloring. This kill two birds with one stone. First you get dark beer and secondly you know what they say about red dye #2...

Russian: Start him off with cold potato soup. Then some cheap caviar and finish the meal off with some more cold potato soup. Guarenteed he won't eat much and will leave early complaining of stomach pains.

Italy: Super easy. Pasta, pasta and more pasta. If you are short of time and you want to make a pizza for him then follow this simple recipe. Pour some ketchup on a cracker, cover with cheese and place in the oven for 2 minutes at 425 degrees. Positively the worst tasting thing known to man but try to be convincing and tell him its authentic Italian cuisine.

Austria: The easiest thing to prepare are Vienna sausages. Just open the can and serve. His drink will be beer but keep plenty on hand for he usually loses early and must be content to get drunk.

Turkey: Tse-tse flies covered with chocolate, camel belly and hot beer are this guvs forte. For the Flies just break up a Nestles Crunch bar into small pieces. The camel belly can be taken care of by asking him how he wants it cooked. His reply will be, "I'm not too hungry."

If all else fails just keep plenty of balogna on hand. My husband says that all Dip players are full of balogna. (He also says that they are full of something else but I doubt if you'll be wanting to serve that.)

Another nice touch is to put different pieces of the Diplomacy game in your ice cube tray, fill with water and freeze. Jerry was thinking about a variant whereby each player could only build as much as he has drunk. I put my foot down on that one though. I don't want seven drunken Generals running around my house!

Now isn't this fun and easy? You're right, it stinks. My suggestion is that you forget the whole thing, tell your husband that he can prepare it all himself and finally move to Mother's for the day. Or you can do what I do...heh, heh, heh.

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Last month I received a letter from J. Richard Jarvinen and he was indicating that he was going to try to come up with a standard set of houserules for postal Diplomacy. My own personal views on it are that it's not a bad idea but I doubt that it would ever become universal. I'm afraid that most publishers would do what I would do and that is list their own amendment at the bottom to the rules. So in effect nothing would change but if the project gets off the ground I would give it a serious looking over.

Also last month the latest issue of DW had an article in it concerning certain rulings on moves that GM's make. This article was written by Mark Berch (and very well done I must say) and in it he brought up some interesting points.

So being the idiot that I am I decided to find out if there really was much differences between GM's as how they would adjudicate different moves. I sent out 20 questions to a small number of Publishers, 15 to be exact. I had envisioned to send out more but I just wanted to get a rough idea and I felt 15 of the more steadfast GM's would serve my purpose.

I want to thank Tony Watson, Dave Dunke, J. Richard Jarvinen (and Markus), Lee Kendter Sr and Jim Pumpas for their quick replies. I also wish to thank Rob Sergeant and Mark Berch for not only sending back the questionnaire but for going beyond the call of duty in their replies to the questions. (Dave Duke belongs in that group too for he also sent in a couple pages of notes.) John Boardman was the other person to send back the questionnaire. I knew I'd missed one, Thanx to Konrad Baumeister too.

Well lets see what we came up with.

Question 1: ENG: F Nwg-Nwy; F Nth C A Lon-Bel (Player fails to list A Lon-Bel).

This question was split down the middle. Half said that they would allow the convoy the others said that they wouldn't. First if the GM records the moves that way should the player be penalized for following his example? But let's go to the rule book and see what it printed there. Rule XII 1 states "...the army must be ordered to the intended province and the fleet must be ordered to convoy it." I interpret this very loosely so at first glance I would say that the requirements have been met but reading further, "The orders must specify the same destination or the army may not move. Thus: A Lon-Bel, F Nth C A Lon-Bel." So I am afraid that under that statement I would not allow the convoy to take place. Even so it is still a little vague so to be safe I may make an amendment to my houserules. In that case I will amend the houserules to allow the convoy for I too don't wish to penalize a player for something he sees here.

Question 3 FRA: F Spa(nc)-Port; A Port-Spa. No one allowed this move.

Questions 2 and 3. AUS A Vie-Gal TUR: A Rum S ENG A Vie-Gal (#2)

RUS: F Sev-Rum TUR A Bul S F Sev-Rum. (#2)

These two questions were split down the middle as whether or not they would allow the support. One interesting point was that one publisher wouldn't allow #2 but would allow #3. So what does the rule book state. Rule IX 1 says, "To order a support, it is necessary to write the location of the supporting piece, the word "supports" or its equivalent, and both the location and destination of the piece receiving support. The letter "S" may be used to mean supports. Thus A Tyr-Mun, A Dur S A Tyr-Mun; or for units of another country, A Sil S RUSSIAN A War-Pru." Now the rule states only location and destination are necessary and indicates the use of the nationality. If one reads further in the rules you will note under rule XII 1 "Foreign armies may also be convoyed: for clarity the player may wish to indicate foreign nationality. My thinking is that what's good for convoys is good for support, so I say both moves succeed.

As for question #2 it would also be covered by Rule VII 4, "A badly written order, which nevertheless can have only one meaning, must be followed."

Question 4: ITA A Ven H; A Tyro-Ven.

Question 5: ITA: A Ven H; A Tyro-Ven

RUS: A Gal S ITA A Tyro-Vie.

Question 14: Tur: A Bul-Rom.

What these orders indicate are orders from players who in a rush have confused two different spaces (Vie & Ven) and #14 shows that some of us have poor handwriting and can make u's appear as o's. None of the GM's would change the orders for #4 & 5, myself included, but one publisher did say that he would allow A Bul-Rum.

Question 6: AUS: F Gre-Pul.

Question 9: TUR: F Bul-Blk.

What the player has done here is he has failed to list the coasts the unit is coming from or going to. Under Rule VII 4 (see above) the moves do succeed since there is only one possible coast the unit could go to or end up on. All of the publishers, and myself, allowed the moves to succeed.

Question 7: Ger: F Hol-Del

ENG: F Nth S GER A Hol-Del.

Question 10: ITA: A Tun-Tyrr (A Tun is actually a fleet)

Question 11: ITA: A Nap-Rom (A Nap is actually a fleet)

These three questions deal with a mislabeled unit. Now we are faced with a dilemma. The rulebook covers it under Rule VII 4 (Badly written orders) and that should settle it. But let's read on. Rule VII 7 states, "In each set of orders, the space each unit is in is written first, followed by its order." Thereby the use of A or F is not required under Rule VII 7 so I'll not penalize someone for something not required as per the rules. These three questions were evenly divided between the GM's polled.

(To be continued next issue.)

#### Late Breaking News:

Tony Watson of Ruritania fame has asked me to pass along some information to his subbers and traders. He says that his Fourth Anniversary issue of Ruritania will be out the first part of December. Tony has had some delay due to school in getting his issue out but he has been keeping the games on schedule in a sub zine flyer.

Orphan game news: Andy Cook's games from his zine Suicide have been picked up.

The list of games to be added to The Black Sheep are: 1977-KO 1977-IJ 1977-II 1977-HZ S-16 and 1978-AE.

1973-AJ went to Ruritania (Tony Watson)

1978-HG and S-15 went to Against The Odds (Craig Reges)

1976-IG went to Why Me? (Lee Kentder Sr.)

1977-HF and 1978-?? (S-13) went to Brouhaha (Bob Beardsley)

Coming up in the way of orphans, I don't know but I have sent letters to Roger Oliver and to Ed Kollmer.

The LDNS Question of The Month: After a zine folds, who does the game belong to, the ex-GM or the players?

Lee Kentder in his zine Why Me? has announced that in the Spring issue of pw there was made mention of a source of old Diplomacy boards and exotic metal pieces in the shape of ships and tanks. These items were available from Charles Anschell 1226 N Rossell Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302. It turns out that you may not get the promised items but will have your check cashed. Has anyone else run across this?

So much for the garbage, On to the games.

Spring 1909

WAR RAGES ON!!!

AUS (T. Sherwood) A War-Lvn; A Ukr-Mos; A Rum S TUR A Arm-Sev; A Sil-Ber;  
A Tyro-Mun; A Pied-Mar; A Rom-Ven; F Tyrr-Lyon; F Nap-Tyrr; A Alb-Tri;  
A Bul S A Rum.  
ENG (D. Fugihara) F MAO-Nwg (F Edi S /d/); F Eng-Lon; F Bre-Pic;  
F MAO-Eng; F Spa(sc) S AUS A Pied-Mar.  
GER (C. Spiekerman) A Mos S TUR A Arm-Sev; A Ber-Pru (A Lvn S); A Bel H  
A Kiel-Ber (A Mun S); A Bur S A Mun; A Mar-Spa /d/; F Nwg-Edi (F Nth S)  
F Den S F Nth.  
ITA (Dave Ditter) F Tun-Tyrr.  
TUR (D. Hard) A Arm-Sev; A Con H; F Aeg-Gre (F Ion S).

No Press. Thanx to Tom Mirti for submitting standby orders.

Fall 1909 orders are due noon Saturday December 23rd.

ENG F Edi ret Cly, York or OTB      GER A Mar ret Gas or OTB

1977-1S

Fall 1908

VOTE FAILS, IF YOU WANT IT TI LOOKS  
AS IF JIM WILL HAVE TO DO IT HIMSELF.

AUS: F Ion-Tun; F Aeg & A Bul S ITA A-Gre /nso/; A Tus-Pied; A Tyro-Tri;  
A Vie-Tri; A Gal-Sil (A War & A Boh S); A Fru-Ber; A Mos-StP;  
A Tri H (unordered). (Jim Bumpas)  
ENG (D. Bunke) F MAO\_Port; F Irs-M3O (F Eng S); F Nth-Bel; F Bal-Pru.  
FRA (C. Reges) Retreats F MAO-Spa(nc). F Spa (nc) H; F Ere-Eng;  
F Tyrr-WMed; F Tun-NAT; A Mun S AUS A Pru-Ber; A Bel-Hol; A Bur-Bel.  
GER (B. Hartwig) A Sil-Fru/annih/ (A Ber S /annih/); A Kiel S FRE A Mun  
ITA (C. Eichelberger) A Ven-Tus (F Rom S); F Gre-Ion (F Nap S).

Supply Chart:

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AUS Home Ser War Sev Smy Ank Con Mos Rum Bul TUN BER..14...+2 (room for
ENG Home Nwy Swe StP Den PORT...8...+1 one only)
FRA Home Spa PXX ZXX Mun Bel HOL...7...even
GER PXX Kiel NXX...1...even
ITA Home Gre...4...even

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Press:

(via Germany) Mr. Bumpas: I have been screwed by you 3 times. I assure you that it will not happen again. You play in a game with me at your ego's own peril henceforth.

Also, regarding your constant allusion to the students of Vienna, circa 1848; Fember, they eventually lost.

London to Vienna: Not yet.

Paris: Sorry Bob.

Winter 1908 and Spring 1909 orders are due noon December 23rd.

RATHER THAN STARTING ANOTHER GAME AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE LET ME SAY:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOURS

FROM ME AND MINE.



1978-CE Winter 1904 Separation of Seasons

AUS (S. Johnson) F Rom ret OTB has A Ser.  
ENG (C. Hardisty) Builds A Lon A Edi. has A Lon Edi Nwy Kiel Ber  
F Ska Nth Hol Nwg.  
FRA (L. Kendter Sr.) Builds A Mar has A Mar Bur Mun Pied F Ion WMed MAO  
ITA (K. Peterson) Builds A Ven A Vie ret OTB has A Ven Tri Rom F Nap.  
RUS (L. Harmon) Ret A Nwy-Fin has A Fin Con Rum Bud Vie Mos Sil  
F Blk Bal.  
TUR (C. Eichelberger) Retreats A Con OTB has F Gre A Bul Syr.

Orders on file for A E F & T Changes or orders are due noon Dec. 23rd.

1978-AS Spring 1904

AUS (J. Powers) A Bul-Con; F EMed-Smy; A Rum-Bul; A Bud-Vie; A Vie-Tyro;  
A Gre H; F Ion H;  
ENG (J. Poore) F Nwy-Bar; F MAO-Gas; A Bel-Bre (F Eng C); F Nwg-Nwy.  
FRA (T. Watson) A Bre-Par; F Port-Spa(sc) (A Gas & A Mar S).  
A Mar & A Bre Annih.  
GER (L. Harmon) A Pic S ENG A Bel-Bre; A Bur-Par; A Mun-Sil (A Ber S);  
F Swe-Both; A Lvn-Mos.  
ITA (S. Johnson) A Spa-Mar (APied S); F Nap-Ion; F WMed-Spa(sc).  
RUS (D. Brownell) F Ank S AUS A Bul-Con; A Sil-Pru; (A War S); A Mos H;  
F Both-Bal.  
TUR (J. Diehl) A Syr-Smy (A Con S). A Con Annih.

No Press:

Fall 1904 orders are due Dec. 23rd noon.

1978-HO Fall 1903 AUS a Tyro ret Boh

AUS (R. Bermingham) F Alb S TUR F Gre-Ion/nso/annih/; A Bud-Vie (A Boh S)  
ENG (D. Rohde) F Hel-Kiel (A Hol S); F Ska-Den (F Nth S).  
FRA (E. Verheiden) F Bre-Eng; F MAO-Eng; A Bur-Ruh (A Bel S); A Mar-Bur  
A Pic S A Bol.  
GER (B. Berkeley) A Sil-War; (A Pru S); A Kiel-Mun; F Den-Swe/d/.  
ITA (R. Serg ant) A Tyro-Tri (A Ven S); F Adr-Alb (F Ion S).  
RUS (S. McLendon) F Swe H; A Gal-War (A Mos S); A Rum-Bud (A Vie S /d/)  
F Sev-Rum.  
TUR (M. Morrison) F Gre-Alb; A Ank-Rum (A Bul & A Ser S; F Blk C).

RUS A Vis ret Tyro or OTB

GER F Den ret Bal Hel or OTB

Supply Chart:

AUS ~~XYZ~~ ~~BAA~~ ~~Ser~~ ~~Rum~~ VIE...1...-1  
ENG Home Nwy DEN KIEL HOL...7...+3  
FRA Home Spa Port Bel...6...even  
GER Ber ~~XYZ~~ Mun ~~Den~~ ~~Nth~~...2...-3  
ITA Home Tun TRI...5...+1  
RUS Home Swe ~~XYZ~~ BUD...6...even  
TUR Home Bul Gre RUM SER...7...+2

Winter 1903 and Spring 1904 orders due Dec 23rd Noon. Separation will be granted.

Press on next page.

PRUSSIA: Due to a lack of Russian assistance Chancellor Berkeley has decided to bow to Historical France and to pave the way for a Western Domination of Europe by Anglo-French forces.

Before the troops return to their farms and villages and before Germany is bled dry in a vain and foolish war Chancellor Berkeley has decided to launch one last Grand Ost Offensive to punish the Russians for their lack of assistance, lack of foresight and to give them a taste of what is soon to come upon them from the West - due to Russias stupidity.

WIRELESS: Berlin to Lord and Field Marshall Bermingham:

Amid the burning of archives we your Northern Cousins and closest allies send you our good wishes as ever and will assist your gallant forces to the last cartridge against whatever foe. We both are caught in a vice and it is best to sting and to get revenge on those most responsible.

To the future comrade for when our foes have bloodied themselves into insensibility then once again shall the mighty Warriors of Tueton rise again to wash their bones.

P.S. Till that day I can be reached at 11 Dunchleestrasse where I shall be studying French - probably under house arrest, quaffing cognac, fondling my mistress, smoking cigars and generally muddling in the affairs of my French & Anglo captors.

1978-HP Spring 1902

AUS (C. Eichelberger) A Vie-Tri; A Bud-Gal; A Rum-Bul (A Ser S); F Tri-Alb.

ENG (Dave Ditter) F Nwy-Swe; A Lon-Nwy (F Nth C); F Lyp-Irs.

FRM (Teresa Powers) F Bru-Mao; A Buh-Bel; F Eng-Wal; A Por-Spa.

GER (S. Johnson) A Hol-Kiel; A Kiel-Ber (A Mun S); F Swe-Bal/d/.

ITA (J. Machir) A Ven-Tyro; F Tun-Ion; A Rom-Ven; A Nap-Apu.

RUS (R. Price) A Sev-Rum; A War-Ukr (A Mos S); F Bal S ENG F Nwy-Swe; A Ber-Kiel d/.

TUR (T. Sherwood) A Con-Bul (A Geo S); A Ank-Con; F Bul(sc)-Aeg; F Smy-EMed.

Note: Dave Ditter will be at 7540 Xerxes Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55444 from Dec 22 to Jan 7th.

Fall 1902 orders are due Dec 23rd noon.

GER F Swe ret Dan, Ska or OTB RUS A Ber ret Pru, Sil or OTB.

Press:

A War and a piece and the difference therein. (A German Play).

Act I Scene 2. Setting: a large oddly rectangular room in an old Stone Castle (castles are real big in German Literature and cultural heritage hence their heavy use by Prince Manfred von Trippel Skirchen), occupied solely by a long wooden table covered with maps. At the head of the table two men gesture at a map spread out before them. As we close in we see by their elaborate uniforms they are the Prince of the realm and his C.I.C. General Stalpnagle. P: "So general all the armies are ready for the march on the Ruhr" S: "Yes, sir" P: "Good because as you know I have vowed to make the French repent for their invasion of the vaterland. An overly excited messenger enters stage right. M: "Sire sire the sign has come, the second Brest, I mean second fleet at Brest." G.S.: "So she's now got a pair." M: "Thats not all sir the news from the Ruhr is that this new fashion the Princess has started has caught on, the women there are running half naked all across the country side." Exit Aide.

P.T.: "Hummm! General we have an emergency situation here the armies must not go to Ruhr. With the high temperament of the troops we could lose over half our ranks." G.S.: "I understand Sir." P,T: "You,

General must lead our armies against the Russian." "I Sir" "Yes I must go th Ruhr as I've vowed, I've got to investigate this other problem personally. I feel we've got to get a hand, er I mean a handle on the bare breasted thing as soon as possible. You know General when women can go around like that, well you can see they won't be satisfied with Kinder, Kurcher, Kitchen anymore. We could wind up with dish pan hands and TV dinners if this sin't nipped in the bud!" G.S.: "I see sir but I haff one question." "yes" "What is a TV?"

Close to Dark.

NEW GAME START!!!!!!!

Each country hand picked by "BJ" Spring 1901 due Saturday Dec 23rd.

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FRA Cliff Hardisty 4111 Green Valley Rd. Rescue, CA 95672  
GER Bob Beardsley 17 Moryan Rd. Edison, NJ 08817  
ITA Bob Gallagher 1117 W. Main St. Monongahela, PA 15063  
RUS Stan Johnson 611 Greene St. #1, Boone, NC 28607  
TUR Don Ditter 2602 Westerland #C30 Houston, TX 77063

GM: Jerry Jones PO Box 8529, San Marino, CA 91108  
Until a B. Number is assigned refer to this game as LDNS-13

Good Luck.

An ad from Andy Meier:

An announcement for the edification of whomever:

VERILY! A GAME EXISTS! HEAR YE THE CLARION CALL & SURGE FORTH TO ENLIST IN SAME!

The noble occupants of this literary outpost on...er...IN PO Box 8528, San Marino, CA have agreed to GM a game of derring-do Diplomacy and publish same in LDNS. All that is needed is a few loons of a verbose bent nay, veritable verbiage vituperations and very verbose vultures are they whom we seek. We desire tormented minds who release copious amounts of vitriolic invective, cajoling balm, whining pleas, firm assurances, true oaths and paper promises. If you cringe at the thought of writing whole letters and faint dead away at the prospect of penning press then ignore this ad. If your eyes grow red and squinty and your palms go hairy whenever a pen is in your hand...then its you we seek.

Already we have a partial assemblage of beings. They are:  
Bob Berkeley (Kicker of the lame and mourner at the funerals of bank presidents.)

Steve McLendon (Possessor of the resolve of a dish of Jell-o and as direct and clear as a memo on advanced economics by Gerry Ford.)

Cliff Hardisty (tends to howl, cry mean, lie; smile, and kill a lot.)

Leland Harmon (a fine fellow, just don't share a border with him.)

Andy Meier (Brave, pure, clean, thoughtful, pleasant, and a letter-passer of no scruples.)

WE HAVE NAMES! WE APPEAL TO THESE FOLLOWING PEOPLE TO JOIN OUR RANKS:  
STAN JOHNSON, CARL EICHELBERGER, ERIC VERHEIDEN, JERRY ROGOWSKI, RON KELLY, JERRY JONES...come outtatheswampsallayuz!

If others wish to surge forward they are most welcome. All we need is two regulas and two stand-bys.

Consider yourself informed,

Andy Meier

(top that, Michalski! Who says we don't get letters.)

1977-KC Spring 1907

AUS (S. Shields) A Rum-Sev (F Blk S); A Con H; F Aeg S A Con; F Ion-EMed;  
A Ser-Rum; A Bul S A Ser-Rum; A Ven-Tyro; A Rom-Tus; A Tri S A Bud.  
FRA (J. Caruso) F Eng-Pic; A Gas-Par. (A Bre S); A Mar-Bur; F Lon S F Eng  
/nso/ /d/.  
GER (C. Reges) F Nth-Lon (F Wal S); F Den-Nth; F Swe-Nwy; A Hol-Bel;  
A Par-Bre /annih/ (A Pic S); A Kiel-Ruhr; A Ber-Mun; A Boh S A Vie;  
A War-Ukr; A Mun-Tyro (A Vie S); A Sev-Rum (A Gal S).  
TUR (J. Machir) F Ank-Con (F Smy S).

Full 1907 orders are due December 23rd (noon).

Press:

Berlin: All shall fall.

France to Germany--Puny, eh?

France to Turkey--Do you know any more Thanksgiving jokes?

France to Austria--Give it your best shoot. You have nothing to lose.

Whitestone to Pasadena--Where was that press the last time? You know  
the one about the Dodgers--Ha Ha Ha.

Pasadena to Whitestone--Boy, and here I was going to say something nice  
about the way you took care of that German army in Paris and go and say  
that. I predict the Rams will defeat the Steelers by 3 points.

FRE F Lon ret York or OTB.

~~REDACTED LINE~~

1977-KX

Separation of Seasons

Winter 1906

AUS (D. Hard) Builds A Vienna A Sil retreats to Gal.  
ENG (L. Harmon) Builds A Edinburgh  
FRA (C. Reges) Removes A Mar OTB.  
GER (K. Peterson) Builds A Berlin.  
ITA (B. Kelly) Removes F Aegean Sea and F Syria  
RUS (CD)  
TUR (T. Long) F Aeg retreats EMed.

Orders on file for A, F, I. Orders due Dec 23rd at noon.

~~REDACTED LINE~~

1978-AK Winter 1904

You guys can kick me square in the tail. I completely forgot to mail  
this out to you. Sorry.

Ron Kelly (6038 Richmond Hwy Apt 314 Alexandria, VA 22302) will submit  
orders for Turkey.

AUS (L. Harmon) Removes A Arm A Tri ret Bud has A Bud, Tyro Rum Bul  
A Ser Arm F Nav Ion.  
ENG (D. Hard) Removes F Lon has F NAO.  
FRA (S. Shields) A Spa ret Port has F Gly Eng A Lon Gas Mar.Port.  
GER (C. Hardisty) Builds A Mun & F Kiel has A Mun Bur Ruh War Mos StP  
F Nwy Den Bel Kiel.  
ITA (A. Tomcufcik) even has F Lyon Spa(sc) A Pied Ven.  
RUS (B. Gallagher) F Nwy ret Nwg has F Nwg A Tri.  
TUR (R. Kelly) GM builds A Ank has A Ank Con F Sev Aeg.

Spring 1905 orders are due noon Dec 23rd. On file for E & F.

FINAL PAGE!!!

A Quick note: I have learned that Cliff Mann will be publishing another (final) issue of Watergate. It is not known by this writer what become of the games but if I have anything to do with it they will go on.

Oh, we did get an end game anaysis from 1977-IA. So here goes:

TURKEY--Craig Reges.

When this game started I anticipated a possible Austrian-Turkish alliance.. When the moves for Fall, 1901 came out though, I was reather dismayed to find that an Italian army was in Greece. I struck out a deal with Austria, not wishing to be caught fighting Russia while Austria and Italy attacked. At this time, I felt that Jerod (Russia) was making absurd demands on me by his requests for most of the spoils in a campaign against Austria. When it turned out that Italy and Russia couldn't get together on a pact, it was goodbye to both of them since they could not stop Andy and I.

Naturally, I was rather disappointed in Andy's stab of me late in the game but communication and the realization that if we fought, England and France would walk over us. Credit for the stalemate line should go to Andy since he posed it first. I wonder what would have happened if we had got the Ionian first though. Thanks to all for a very good game.

KINGMAKER GAME

Factions: (and nobles)

The King's Knights of the Round Table (Kings KORT)--Bob Hartwig  
Beaufort, Pole, Greystone, Cromwell.

Boar's Head--Roger Bermingham Mowbray, Hastings

The Total Anglican National Action for Riting the Crowned Head for Youth  
in England (Total ANARCY in England)--Jerod Poore  
Holland, Bouchier

Guts--Bob Gallagher Scrope, Courtenay, Howard, Berkley

Freelance Fanatics--Marck Morrison Percy, Gray, Stafford.

Next turn due Dec 16th.

EVENT CARD: Storm at sea.

Q & A:

If two factions wish to ally only a part of their forces they must ally all of their forces, basic combat will be used.

You shall know the other players nobles, but the only way to find out the strengths are: To ask the players directly, during combat or during Parliment.

The event card affecting that turn will be drawn prior to that turn.

Only the relevent half of an event card shall be revealed.

Aside from sieging Calais from shipboard you may also attack from the continent.

If a nobles force exceeds the ships limits then he may not board the ship

Bob Hartwig convinced me not to use hidden movement, any objections?  
My relationship with Jerod Poore is that I have played KM with him but I shall not give him any special treatment. ((If I felt he would he would not be in the game--JHJ))

ONCE AGAIN...HAPPY HOLIDAYS.